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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 2, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on February 4, 2008 (February 2, 2008, falling on a Saturday), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.